

## **The Illinois Club Minutes, 5/9/2017 Old/New Board Meeting**

The Illinois Club Board met at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, at the home of Ann Campbell. Attending were Ann Campbell, Kathy Valdes, Julia Schmidt, Kathy Marshak, Sandy Camargo, Libby Johnston, Judith Robinson, Alice Taylor, Allan Penwell, Shirley Splittstoesser, Ann Long, Christine Lyke, and Cathy Jackson. The meeting was called to order by outgoing President Ann Campbell.

### **Outgoing President, Ann Campbell**

The outgoing president welcomed the old and new boards and thanked the outgoing board. She reported that the last year has been successful.

### **Outgoing Vice President, Julia Schmidt**

Julia encouraged someone to step up and fill the vice president position for next year, as it is not a difficult job. It has been regarded in the past as an entrée position to the president's job the next year, but it doesn't have to be (and was not this year or last).

### **Meetings and Events (Outgoing and Planned), reported by Kathy Marshak**

Last year, TIC charged \$18 for members and \$23 for guests for events. This worked well. We try to have income and expenses roughly balance for events.

Fall Expo will be Friday, September 8, from 3-5 p.m., at the Champaign Public Library. Catering to be determined.

The Holiday Party will be December 5, 6, or 7, venue to be determined as the President's House is only available to TIC every other year and the Holiday Party was there last year. Suggestions for venues for this event are welcomed. Attendance for this event varies quite a bit depending on the venue, generally around 100 for the President's House and half that number for other venues. The previous non-President's House Holiday Party was at the Union's Colonial Room. While this was a lovely venue, parking is an issue as well as the construction on Green Street.

The Scholarship Brunch will be Saturday, March 3 at the I Hotel.

The Spring Luncheon will be Thursday, May 3. Venue and speaker are unknown at this time. Suggestions welcome.

### **Treasurer**

Report postponed until August as the treasurer was not able to attend the meeting.

Reconciling invoices against accounts can be challenging, as invoices don't come in in a timely fashion. This has been an ongoing problem with Printing Services. Because of the mailing component of the billing, they are unable to provide invoices when the jobs are picked up. More follow-ups may be required to get our invoices in a more timely manner.

If we get duplicate checks (i.e., same member sends in two checks to renew), the Membership chair will advise the member of the duplicate payment and the duplicate will be mailed back to the member or donated to the scholarship fund, at the member's discretion. We will no longer have the option of shredding the duplicate, as that can lead to confusion. If a member pays twice via PayPal, the treasurer would have to mail a check to the member if the member wants a

refund. The Membership chair will communicate with the member and the treasurer will process the duplicate payment so that there is no question about the integrity of the reimbursement process.

### **Budget, reported by Shirley Splittstoesser**

The finance committee will meet the first week of August. They need input from the committees to set up the budget, including projected income (including dues) and projected expenses.

### **Membership, reported by Ann Long**

Final membership numbers were 228 with 97 individuals, 57 couples, and 17 newcomers.

We have already had a number of renewals for next year. There is a large number around Spring Luncheon, a trickle over the summer, and then another large number around the Fall Expo. Due to Patty Gropp's family emergency, Sandy Camargo processed 50+ renewals from the Spring Luncheon and the PO Box, turning checks over to the Assistant Treasurer at the meeting.

Compiling the Directory in October works better than in August as there is a more complete membership list in October.

### **Newcomers, reported by Ann Campbell**

Newcomers did not do much last year and the prior year's newcomers did not participate that much in events scheduled for newcomers. We are planning and expecting some revitalization of the newcomers group for the upcoming year.

### **Interest Groups, reported by Carrol Finnigan-Bunick**

Interest groups have gone well this year. Some interest groups continue to meet through the summer, and some break for the summer.

### **Scholarship, reported by Christine Lyke**

The scholarship committee ran smoothly this year. It is a rewarding committee in which to participate, involving an intense amount of work but only a relatively short time.

It will help if the president and treasurer meet with the foundation to finalize amounts available earlier in the process, so that the scholarship committee knows what it has to work with and how many scholarships can be awarded in a given year.

### **Tours**

The tour of the State Farm Center is filled, and there is a waiting list. There is no waiting list for the optional dinner.

### **Newsletter/Communications, reported by Kathy Valdes and Libby Johnston**

Communications has gone smoothly this year with the regular E-News and quarterly mailings.

There is some confusion about knowing which interest groups meet during the summer. Interest group chairs should check the calendar on the website to make sure that it is in sync with when the interest group actually meets. If changes need to be made to the calendar, contact Communications, who can make the changes.

### **Corresponding Secretary**

No report this meeting.

If members are experiencing life events (anniversaries, bereavements, illnesses, etc.), please report them to the corresponding secretary so that cards can be sent. A notice with this message will be put into the next E-News.

### **Webmaster**

The domain and PayPal expenses need to go into the budget.

### **Historian**

Paula Carns, the historian, is planning to spend some time with materials this summer. She could use some assistance with scanning.

TIC is not doing an event for the Sesquicentennial, due to an insufficient number of volunteers. Possibly Paula would be able to put some information on TIC into the Sesquicentennial timeline.

### **New Business – Incoming President Kathy Valdes**

Board meeting dates for the coming year are August 28, November 6, January 22, and March 26. All are at 7 p.m., locations to be determined. [Note: date has not yet been set for the Old/New Board meeting in May]

Big 10 Conference: Outgoing president Ann Campbell and incoming president Kathy Valdes are planning to attend.

Dropbox: Folders need some reorganization/cleanup. Folders are set up to be accessible by the board members who need to access them.

E-mailing the entire board: To send an e-mail to the entire board, use the e-mail address [tic-board@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:tic-board@theillinoisclub.org)

Reimbursements: Information for reimbursements is on the Board page of the website, below the listing of the board members. Agendas and minutes for board meetings are also available on this page.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Jackson, Recording Secretary